

**NORTH SMITHFIELD
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

October 5, 2006

Kendall Dean Conference Room

5:30 PM

BOARD MINUTES

Present: John Perry, Paul Nordstrom, Paul Vadenais, Jane Biron, David Chamberland, Edward Yazbak and Scott Majeau.

Others Present: Robert Desrochers, Gary Ezovski, Scott Maceroni, Ron Fagnoli, John Lahar, Robert Lowe, David Silva, and Stephen Maceroni.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Paul Vadenais. Following roll call, the Committee Minutes for the September 21, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by David Chamberland and second by Paul Nordstrom.

Approval for payment in the amount of \$192,258.31 for Construction Management services was motioned by David Chamberland and seconded by Jane Biron. David Chamberland requested full breakdown of future bills (detail schedules and rate schedules) from Gilbane.

Approval for payment in the amount of \$772.44 for professional services was motioned by David Chamberland and seconded by Edward Yazbak.

Old Business

First order of business was to accept the Letter of Intent executed on October 5, 2006, and mailed by the Town of North Smithfield.

Second order of business was a letter from First Southwest Company to Mr. Robert Lowe suggesting a tentative plan of financing. It was also suggested to revisit the use of notes early next year to consider bonds. Issuance of bonds might be in the spring of 2007. Motion to take action to send this to the Town Council for their next meeting, October 16, 2006, was first made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by David Chamberland.

A suggestion from Edward Yazbak was made regarding feasibility of issuance of bonds at the same time as other communities.

Approval for RIHEBC to issue \$30,000,000 bond/note. January, 2006 or early spring should anticipate changing the notes to a permanent finance. Motion first made by David Chamberland and seconded by Jane Biron.

Approval of the last three miscellaneous letters was unanimous by the Committee.

New Business

Parking Lot – Gilbane recommended a temporary lot be put behind the high school near the baseball fields. Bids were sent out and, also, they are waiting for DEM approval. Now that school is in session, better to wait. Price will not be affected by not completing the lot all at once. Jane Biron asked why the change in location since the last meeting. David Silva concerned that the bus drop area remains in the front of the high school for remainder of the school year. Temp lot, stone base, 89 spaces. Bids are due on October 19, 2006. Job should start in 2-3 weeks after opening of bids. Temp parking lot will be used starting in April. Plans for the parking lot (8x11) will be sent by Gilbane to David Chamberland. Set of building plans given to all present committee members. David Chamberland asked if the school will be delayed since the parking lot is delayed. Gilbane, no. Jane Biron asked if the financing will be affected by the delay. Edward Yazbak stated the town finance director will determine the schedule.

Basketball Court – will be removed now and a new one to be completed by June 1, 2007.

Contract Draft – David Chamberland stated he does not want to use the ‘AGC’ revision.

Specifications – 1. The job should not be held up by the parking lot. 2. Cafeteria was redesigned to eliminate the extended part of the band stand. 3. Kitchen remains fully equipped. Robert Lowe reviewed the upgrade to the high school kitchen. 4. Schematic estimate – According to Gilbane the budget will be maxed out. Gilbane will do a monthly financial estimate.

David Chamberland recommended the formation of a core group to meet in between the regular meetings to review documents for the board. This idea needs to be reviewed by the board. It would consist of four people to meet twice a month. Gilbane suggested these members attend a builder’s meeting instead so they would not violate open meeting law.

Web Site – NSES’s web site is \$24 per month (NSMS.ORG) and can be picked up by the board. Use of the school department’s web site was suggested. A link could be set up for the board’s use. Mr. Lindberg and Eric Butash will be contacted.

There was no close session.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. to be held at Kendall Dean.

Motion by David Chamberland, seconded by Edward Yazbak, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.